

Adopt-A-Stream Program

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY FOR FUNDING STREAM TEAM WORK IN THE MYSTIC RIVER WATERSHED

Dear Mystic River Advocate,

This fall the Adopt-A-Stream Program will be soliciting proposals for *Stream Team Implementation Projects* in the Mystic, Chicopee and Westfield River watersheds. The awards can be used by existing Stream Teams or local river groups to implement projects or by local watershed associations and municipal boards to help start new Stream Teams. Implementation projects should be specifically targeted towards activities related to the rivers in the Mystic River watershed. These projects (generally up to \$2,000) can come directly from Stream Team action plans and other past Stream Team work to identify local priorities. Locally based action is an important part of the Mystic River Watershed and these funds are intended to further your work to protect the Mystic River and its tributaries.

As a member of a group active in river protection, we would like to invite you to contact us with questions and project ideas. The attached preliminary announcement provides an overview of the criteria and scope of the Stream Team Implementation Awards. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released in mid October. After this time we will not be able to discuss project details with groups. For groups that are not 501c3 organizations, we suggest you work through a qualified organization (including town boards) for receipt of money.

To facilitate discussion of project ideas with Adopt-A-Stream staff and other Stream Teams, we will be holding an informational meeting on September 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 in Arlington at the Mystic River Watershed Association office (directions on reverse). We suggest that you review your Stream Team action plan, discuss project ideas with members and bring those ideas to the meeting for review with Adopt-A-Stream staff. Information is also available on our website at www.massriverways.org (look under "what's new")

Thank you for your work to protect the streams in the Mystic River Watershed. We look forward to working with you further on projects in your community.

Sincerely yours,

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Directions:

20 Academy Street, 2nd Floor, Arlington, MA
Entrance on Academy St. Parking on street or in lot.

The MyRWA office is located in an older school building on a side street in Arlington Center.

From Rt. 60:

Follow 60 into Arlington Center and turn onto Mass Ave. heading west towards Lexington.
(from Rt. 60 west turn RIGHT, Rt. 60 east turn LEFT)
Get in left lane on Mass Ave. for about 1/10 of a mile.
Turn at your second LEFT onto Academy Street. (left immediately after library)
Building is up on the left at corner of Academy and Maple.

From Rt. 16:

Turn up Mass Ave. into Arlington (left heading east, right heading west)
Follow Mass Ave for about 1 1/2 miles into Arlington Center (intersection of Mass Ave. and Rt. 60)
After lights at Rt. 60 intersection get in left lane on Mass Ave. for about 2/10 of a mile.
Turn at your second LEFT onto Academy Street. (left immediately after library)
Building is up on the left at corner of Academy and Maple.

From Rt. 3 South- Winchester/Woburn:

Follow Rt. 3 into Arlington Center/Mass Ave.
Turn RIGHT onto Mass Ave. (Arlington Center)
Get in left lane on Mass Ave. for about 1/10 of a mile.
Turn at your second LEFT onto Academy Street. (left immediately after library)
Building is up on the left at corner of Academy and Maple.